

The Historie of

The very bottome and the soule of hope,
The very list, the very vmost bound
Of al our fortunes.

Doug. Faith, and so we should,
Where now remains a sweet reuerſion,
We may boldly spend vpon the hope of whatt is to come in
A comfort of retirement liues in this.

Hot. A randous, a home to fly vnto,
If that the Diuell and mischance looke big
Vpon the maiden-head of our affaires.

Wor. But yet I would your father had been here:
The quality and heare of our attempt
Brookes no diuision, it will be thought
By some, that know not why he is away,
That wiſdome, loyalty, and meere dislike
Of our proceedings, kept the Earle from hence.

And thinke, how such an apprehension
May turne the tide of fearefull faction,
And breed a kinde of question in our cause:
For, wel you know, we of the offering side,
Must keepe aloofe from ſtrict arbitrement,
And ſtop all ſight holes, euery loope, from whence
The eye of reaſon may prie in vpon vs,
This abſence of your fathers drawes a curtaine,
That ſhe wes the ignorant, a kinde of feare
Before not dreamt of.

Hot. You ſtaine too far,
I rather of his abſence make this uſe,
It lends a luſtre and more great oppinion,
A larger dare to your great enterprize,
Then if the Earle were here: for men muſt thinke,
If we without his helpe can make a head,
To puſh againſt a kingdome, with his helpe
We ſhall, or turne it topſie turuy downe,
Yet al goes well, yet al our iointes are whole.

Doug. As heart can thinke, there is not ſuch a word
Spoke of in Scotland, as this tearme of feare.

Enter Sir Ri. Vernon.

Henry the fourth.

Hot. My cooſin Vernon, welcome by my ſoule,
Ver. Pray God my newes be worth a welcome, Lord.
The Earle of Weſtmerland, ſeuē thousand ſtrong,
Is marching hitherwards, with Prince Iohn.

Hot. No harme what more?
Ver. And further I haue learnd,
The King himſelfe in perſon hath ſet forth,
Or hitherwards intended ſpeedily,
With ſtrong and mighty preparation.

Hot. He ſhall be welcome too: where is his ſonne,
The nimble footed madcap, Prince of Wales?
And his Cumrades, that daſt the world aſide,
And bid it paſſe?

Ver. All furniſht, all in Armes:
All plumde like Eſtridges, that with the winde
Baited like Eagles hauing lately bath'd,
Glittering in golden coats like images,
As full of ſpirit as the month of May,
And gorgeous as the ſunne at Midſomer,
Wanton as youthful goates, wilde as yong buls:
I ſaw yong Harry with his beuer on,
His cuſhes on his thighes, gallantly armde,
Riſe from the ground like feathered Mercury,
And vaulted with ſuch eaſe into his ſeate,
As if an angell dropt downe from the cloudes,
To turne and wind a fiery Pegasus,
And witch the world with noble horſemanſhip.

Hot. No more, no more, worſ than the ſun in March
This praiſe doth nourish agues, let them come,
They com like ſacrifices in their trim,
And to the fire-eyd maide of ſmoky war,
All hot and bleeding will we offer them:
The mailed Mars ſhall on his altar ſit
Vp to the eares in bloud, I am on fire
To heare this rich reprizall is ſo nigh,
And yet not ours: Come, let me take my horſe,
Who is to beare me like a thunderbolt,
Againſt the boſome of the Prince of Wales.

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